

RECORD OF OPEN DECISIONS**FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

At the Meeting of the Finance and Management Committee held on Thursday 14th February 2019, the following decisions were taken.

Urgent decisions or those exempt from call-in are indicated in the third column of the table. These decisions cannot be called in and are effective immediately.

All other decisions may be called in until 5.00pm on Friday 22nd February 2019.

A request to call in a decision must be made by at least three Members, including at least one Member of the controlling group. The request must be made in writing to the Chief Executive¹.

If no request to call in a decision is received within this time limit then the decision becomes effective immediately.

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>OPEN REPORTS</u>	<u>Urgent/ Call-in Exempt</u>
7	<p><u>AGENDA ITEM</u> COUNCIL TAX DISCOUNT: CARE LEAVERS</p> <p>DECISION: <i>1.1 The Committee approved making a recommendation to Council for the exercise of a discretion under Section 13A (1) C of the Local Government Act 1992 to exempt by way of a discount Derbyshire County Council Care leavers from Council Tax.</i></p>	
8	<p><u>AGENDA ITEM</u> FINAL BUDGET PROPOSALS 2019/2020 and FINANCIAL PLAN to 2024</p> <p>DECISION: <i>The Committee approved:</i></p> <p><i>1.1 That a Council Tax increase for 2019/20 of 1.95% be recommended to Full Council on 27th February 2019.</i></p> <p><i>1.2 That estimated net General Fund Revenue Expenditure totalling £13,023,967 for 2019/20 be recommended to Full Council on 27th February 2019.</i></p> <p><i>1.3 That the Medium-term Financial Plan to 2024 on the Council's General Fund Revenue Account as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report be approved.</i></p> <p><i>1.4 That the Financial Plan for the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) to 2029 as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report be approved.</i></p> <p><i>1.5 That the 5-year capital investment and financing plan to</i></p>	

	<p>2024 as detailed in Appendix 3 of the report be approved.</p> <p>1.6 That the Council's National Non-Domestic Rate Return (NDR 1) for 2019/20, showing retained business rates of £10,515,933 for 2019/20 and £13,123,996 for 2018/19 be noted.</p> <p>1.7 That the report of the Council's Section 151 (Chief Finance) Officer under Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003 be noted.</p>	
9	<p><u>AGENDA ITEM</u> TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY AND PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 2019/20</p>	
	<p>DECISION:</p> <p>1.1 The Committee approved the Treasury Management Strategy for 2019/20.</p> <p>1.2 The Committee approved the Prudential Indicators and Limits for 2019/20 to 2023/24.</p> <p>1.3 The Committee approved the Investment Policy for 2019/20 including the associated counterparty (lending) list.</p>	
10	<p><u>AGENDA ITEM</u> PROPOSED LOCAL COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME 2019/20</p>	
	<p>DECISION: The Committee approved:</p> <p>1.1 That the existing Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme currently in place be continued and approved for 2019/20.</p> <p>1.2 That the detailed parameters be submitted to Full Council on 27 February 2019 for formal adoption.</p>	

11	<p>AGENDA ITEM DISCRETIONARY BUSINESS RATES RELIEF</p>	
	<p>DECISION: <i>The Committee approved:</i></p> <p>1.1 <i>That the updated Discretionary Business Rate Revaluation Relief Scheme for 2018/19 to support local businesses in South Derbyshire adversely affected by the 2017 Rating Revaluation List is approved.</i></p> <p>1.2 <i>That relief be awarded to a business based on the following scheme criteria:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Its RV is less than £200,000.</i> • <i>Its Business Rates payable in 2018/19 has increased by 5% or greater when compared to 2016/17 (the base year).</i> • <i>The business does not qualify for any other relief, excluding the “Support for Pubs Scheme” in 2018/19.</i> • <i>The business is not part of a national chain or group of companies, i.e. it is a local business in the District.</i> • <i>Relief is limited to 55% of the total increase in rates payable between 2016/17 and 2018/19.</i> <p>1.3 <i>That the updated scheme for 2018/19 be continued in 2019/20 based on the same criteria as detailed in 1.2 above, except that Relief is limited to 20% of the total increase in rates payable between 2016/17 (the base year) and 2019/20.</i></p> <p>1.4 <i>That the Council’s Discretionary Business Rates Relief Scheme as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report including proposed amendments as highlighted are approved.</i></p> <p>1.5 <i>That is granted for a period of two years to cover the financial years 2019/20 and 2020/21.</i></p> <p>1.6 <i>That Relief granted to Active Nation is subject to evidence that the amount granted is invested back into the South Derbyshire facilities.</i></p>	
12	<p>AGENDA ITEM CHURCH GRESLEY CEMETERY – LAYOUT CHANGES</p>	
	<p>DECISION:</p> <p>1.1 <i>The Committee approved to utilise £17,700 from the General Fund Repairs and Maintenance Reserve to remove two adjacent non-essential paths at Church Gresley Cemetery in order to use the recovered land to provide additional burial space therein as recommended</i></p>	

	<p><i>by Housing and Community Services Committee on 29th January 2019.</i></p> <p>1.2 <i>The Committee approved to cease the practice of allowing people to pre-purchase graves within cemeteries managed by the District Council except where ground conditions restrict the use of double graves as recommended by Housing and Community Services Committee on 29th January 2019.</i></p> <p>1.3 <i>The Committee approved for officers to investigate the identification of possible cemetery space within the Swadlincote urban core as recommended by Housing and Community Services Committee on 29th January 2019.</i></p>	
13	<p>AGENDA ITEM COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME</p>	
	<p>DECISION: <i>Members considered and approved the updated work programme.</i></p>	

DATED: Friday 15th February 2019
Chief Executive

- 1 Although it is not necessary to use a prescribed form, copies are available from the Chief Executive.
- 2 NOTE – this gives an outline of the committee decision for call-in purposes but it does not necessarily reflect the final wording for minute purposes.
- 3 Insert both the agenda item number and its heading.